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In re Patent Application of)

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For: LENS DEVICE INCLUDING A)
LIGHT CONTROLLING)
MECHANISM AND AN OPTICAL)
PICKUP APPARATUS USING A)
LENS DEVICE)

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 29 and 34 as follows:

29. (Amended) A lens device as claimed in claim 27, wherein said lens scatters, diffracts, absorbs, reflects or diverts light in said intermediate axial region away from said light path.

34. (Amended) A lens device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said light controller scatters, diffracts, absorbs, reflects or diverts light in said intermediate axial region away from said light path.